

**From:** [Loesel, Matthew](#)  
**To:** [Smith, Monica](#); [Mason, Steve](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Sec Houston-Galveston Spill  
**Date:** Saturday, March 30, 2019 5:29:13 PM

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WE have heard nothing about this. Adam is looking into where they came from with the USCG Capt Oditt

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Know anything about this?

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Sams, Michael K CIV" <[Michael.K.Sams@uscg.mil](mailto:Michael.K.Sams@uscg.mil)>  
**Date:** March 30, 2019 at 3:53:27 PM CDT  
**To:** "Crossland, Ronnie" <[Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov](mailto:Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov)>  
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Hi Ronnie,

Below FYSA. I'm not sure if EPA ERT is already involved or not.

V/r,  
Mike Sams  
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Sent via mobile device

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Mike

I think they could at least pulse in. LT Rafael Shamilov or MSTC Christine Gray. They could probably lend some chemical recovery and disposal expertise.

V/R  
Shep

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**From:** Sams, Michael K CIV <[Michael.K.Sams@uscg.mil](mailto:Michael.K.Sams@uscg.mil)>  
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Thx, CAPT. Would there be any value in deploying EPA ERT members?

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Rob, Mike, Chip and Mike

For your awareness

The attached photos highlight some of the challenges that the IMT is working with in Texas.

The Ball jar shows the product that they are working with in Tucker's Bayou. It is a mix of Pye Gas, Xylene and Toluene. There is no water in the jar - the clear liquid is the Xylene and Toluene. The product remains highly flammable, responders need to wear SCBA, and disposal is a challenge. The responders are consulting with EPA product specialists in developing chemical response strategies.

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